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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
GROUP 1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Pascal MICHAUD Confirmation No. 3308
Serial No. : 09/034,415 Filed : March 4, 1998
Group Art Unit: 1743 Examiner : Latoya I. Cross
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR DRYING SOLID SURFACES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17 and 18.

Please amend claims 1, 14 and 16 as set forth in the attached "MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS." Also attached is a "CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS."

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 11-18 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 1, 14 and 16 have been amended, and claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended in part to describe the dewetting composition therein as "water-removing". Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment does not raise new issues because as it is used in the instant application, the term "dewetting"